

LOOKING AHEAD.

Fund Raising Street Stall - 3rd March 1978, in High Street. Our Society's major source of income is membership subscriptions and a Council subsidy. This meets running costs and rental for meetings in the Auxiliary Room. It does not give the Society financial independence should something of historical significance become available for purchase, nor are we able to properly preserve the artifacts now in our care. Hence the Committee has booked the Council's portable street stall.

This effort asks for the co-operation of all members in making contributions of goods to sell. Suggestions are:- Seedlings, shrub cuttings, herbs, rock plants (growing in small containers), fresh fruit, vegetables, jams, pickles, chutney, sauces, cakes, biscuits; knitwear, crochet, aprons, cushions, children's wear, handcrafts, paintings, china, jewelery, leatherwork.

Start preparing now, so we will have a big selection of goods to sell in March. Goods may be brought to the meetings. Further inquiries: Ring Mrs. Rolley 861-5154 evenings.

FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS AND WALKABOUT GUIDES please send notes on early Kew people, places and events, with dates, to The Editor..

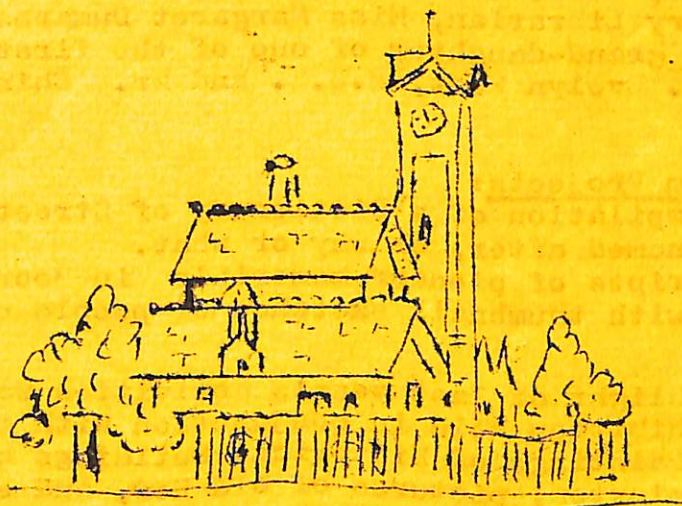
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. \$2.00 - ^{40p} due at the Annual Meeting, 5th October. Please avoid unnecessary expense for the Society by remembering to pay on that night, or post to The Treasurer.

OFFICE BEARERS 1977:-

President	Mr. M. Slattery
Vice President	Mr. G. Reed
Corresponding Sec.	Mrs. J. Stewart
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LOOKING BACKWARD

It may seem strange that this is the first newsletter when Kew Historical Society is nearly 19 years old, so a little of our own history will not go amiss.

The Society was founded in 1958 by Cr. William S. Dickenson, M.B.E., to delve into local history and produce a brochure for the Centenary of Kew in 1960. It then continued to meet and discuss historic topics in the friendly atmosphere of the President's home.

Cr. Dickenson, twice Mayor of Kew, held the office of President until his death in August 1974. He was succeeded by Mr. G. Reed, then Mr. M. Slattery.

Other prominent founding members now deceased were: Mr. L. Scott, Melb. Univ. Librarian, Mr. S. Fraser, Parliamentary Librarian, Miss Margaret Dumaresq, educationist and grand-daughter of one of the first pioneers of Kew, Mrs. Evelyn West, M.B.E. and Mr. Chinner.

ACTIVITIES

A. Long Term Projects:

- (1) The compilation of a Dictionary of Street Names, who they were named after, or why or what.
- (2) Transcripts of pioneer memorials in Booroondara Cemetery, with thumbnail sketches of people concerned.

E. Past:

The highlight of last year's activities was the historical exhibition held in conjunction with the Festival of Kew. Paintings of historical buildings by Kew artist Stuart Warmington, pictures of old Kew, and early days at all the colleges were among the items displayed. The Council also lent early rate books and early office equipment. Elegant costumes of the Victorian era, owned by the Society, were skilfully arranged by Miss E. Wallace.

The first Pioneer Commemoration service was held on 20th March 1976 at Holy Trinity with Rev. Gordon Brown officiating. The President of the Society and the Mayor read lessons, and a fine talk on "Tradition and the Present" was given by Rev. Fr. Rohr of the Pallotine College.

Before Christmas an enjoyable buffet dinner was held at the home of Miss Robertson, which wound up activities for

1976 on a very happy note.

C. Recent

The Second Annual Pioneer Service was held on 27th March 1977 at the Combining Church, with Rev. Dr. McMaster officiating. The President and the Mayor read lessons, and Dr. Geoffrey Serle, Reader of History at Monash University and President of Hawthorn Historical Society, gave a fine address on pioneers.

Several members visited "Rockingham", originally the home of Herbert Syme, before it falls to the developers.

At the invitation of Mr. Grier a tour of the Melbourne Cricket Ground and its museum took place on 19th May, after which several members lunched at the club.

On 29th May Kew Historical Society guided nearly 60 members of the Royal Historical Society and Kew citizens through the Booroondara Cemetery, pointing out special pioneer memorials, followed by inspection of archives and afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. J. Stewart.

MEETINGS 1977.

February just got the year going.

In March members of neighbouring historical societies came to share ideas for mutual benefit of local history.

"When Melbourne was Short of Water" was the title of a very interesting talk given by Miss Eva Grant in April.

Shades of the past walked again at the May meeting when eight members brought a family treasure and told its story.

The Dictionary of Streets project was discussed in June.

The Rest of the Year:

Members are reminded that meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Auxiliary Room at the Kew Civic Centre, Charles Street, at 7.45 p.m.

JULY 6th - "Historic Homes of Victoria". Slides and talk by Mr. Collins of Hawthorn Historical Society.

AUG. 3rd - "Nostalgia for Things Past", by Mr. Bruce I. McBrien; manager of "Ripponlea".

SEPT. 7th - "The Port of Echuca" by Miss W. Hall.

OCT. 5th - Annual Meeting. Guest Speaker Mrs. Ellie Pullen; M.B.E., Director of Royal Hist. Society of Vic.

NOV. 2nd - Buffet Dinner at home of Mrs. J. Stewart,